

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

12-051-O

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN INTERIM ORDINANCE IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON POLE
SIGNS AND MONUMENT SIGNS PENDING THE ENACTMENT OF AN
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 50 OF THE LEGISLATIVE CODE
RELATING TO THE OFFICIAL CONTROLS REGULATING SIGNS

CITY PROPOSAL:

The city of Duluth does ordain:

Section 1. Statement of legislative intent.

The council of the city of Duluth finds that it is necessary to preserve the status quo regarding the city's regulation of signs codified in Chapter 50 of the Legislative Code. The council finds that the current regulations provided for in Chapter 50 require amendment.

The council finds that in order to properly implement the comprehensive plan and to protect the public health, welfare and safety, the official controls regulating signs must be studied and amended.

Accordingly, it is the intent of the council of the city of Duluth to establish under this interim ordinance, a moratorium protecting the general health, welfare and safety of the public, and preserving the status quo with respect to signs pending the conclusion of a zoning study and the enactment of amendments to Chapter 50, by immediately prohibiting the issuance of any approval necessary to erect or alter pole signs and monument signs.

Section 2. Moratorium imposed.

The city of Duluth hereby imposes on any parcel of land, lot, or part thereof within the boundaries of the city a prohibition on the issuance of any approval necessary to erect or alter a pole sign or monument sign pending the completion of the study and enactment of ordinances noted in Section 1. This

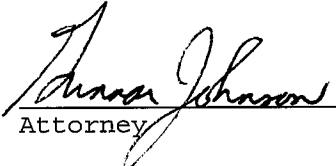
moratorium shall be effective until the expiration of 12 months following enactment or until such earlier time as the city council has taken action on the amended ordinances noted in Section. 1.

Section 3. Extension of moratorium.

The council may, by resolution, and pursuant to the requirements of Minnesota Statutes Section 466.355, Subd. 4, extend the moratorium before the expiration of the 12 month period for an additional period of time, but in no event may the moratorium extend beyond 18 months from the date this ordinance becomes effective.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its passage and publication.

Approved as to form:



Attorney

CD/ATTY KH/AL:bel 08/10/2012

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This interim ordinance imposes a moratorium on the construction and alteration of pole signs and monument signs. The moratorium will freeze the status quo while the city completes amendments to the sign code provisions of Chapter 50 of the city code.